

State of Minnesota  
County of Ramsey

District Court  
2nd Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0620415374  
Court File No. 62-CR-19-3304

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**KRISTOPHER ALEXANDER TAYLOR DOB: 03/08/1993**

14827 Endicott Way, Apt. 113  
Apple Valley, MN 55124

Defendant.

**COMPLAINT**

Order of Detention

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The Complainant submits this complaint to the Court and states that there is probable cause to believe Defendant committed the following offense(s):

**COUNT I**

**Charge: Manslaughter - 2nd Degree - Commit or Attempt to Commit Violation**

Minnesota Statute: 609.205(5)

Maximum Sentence: 10 years or \$20,000 or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/04/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19092052

Charge Description: On or about May 4, 2019, in the County of Ramsey, Minnesota, the defendant, Kristopher Alexander Taylor, did cause the death of his 4-year-old son while committing or attempting to commit child neglect or endangerment of a child.

**STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

At approximately 5:35 PM on May 4, 2019, **KRISTOPHER ALEXANDER TAYLOR (DOB: 03/08/1993)** ran into Regions Hospital carrying his 4-year-old son. Taylor frantically asked for help. The boy appeared to be unresponsive – he did not appear to be breathing and did not move. Medical staff took the boy and began emergency life-saving efforts.

An off-duty officer approached Taylor and asked him what had happened. Taylor asked to quickly go to his vehicle, and the officer accompanied Taylor to a 2017 Dodge Journey parked outside the hospital. Taylor grabbed some items from the Journey, and the officer noticed the inside of the Journey was very hot.

Taylor and the officer returned to the emergency department. Taylor said he and his son had gone to the burger event at CHS Field in Lowertown, Saint Paul, Ramsey County around 11:30 AM. At around 2:45 PM, the boy was tired and wanted to sit in the car. Taylor took the boy to the Journey where he cracked a window and left the boy with a game to entertain himself. When Taylor returned to the Journey around 5:15 PM, he noticed his son was unresponsive. Taylor yelled the boy's name and tried to shake the boy, but the boy was "stiff."

Medical staff thought the boy was having a seizure when he was brought in because his whole body was stiff. Anti-seizure medicine was administered and it had no effect. The boy was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital.

The boy's mother arrived at the hospital and told police that Taylor had picked their son up around 2:30 AM on May 3, 2019 so she could go to work at her early morning job. The boy was fine when Taylor picked him up.

Taylor was arrested.

Taylor was advised of his constitutional rights and agreed to speak to police. Taylor said he took his son to CHS Field where Taylor was going to work an event. Taylor said they arrived between 11:30 and 11:45 AM and got his son settled on the outfield grass where Taylor could see the boy. When it slowed down, Taylor went to check on the boy. The boy said he was tired and wanted to take a nap, so Taylor took his son to the Journey. Taylor hit the automatic window and thought he left it cracked maybe 1/2 or 1/4 of an inch. He gave the boy a blanket and a hand-held gaming system to entertain him if he didn't sleep. Taylor returned to the Journey around 5:15 PM once he got done with work. Taylor said his son's name and got no response. When he tried to put the boy in his car seat, Taylor found his son had no pulse. Taylor put the boy in the front passenger seat, held the boy's hand, and drove to the hospital.

Sergeant Shanley later spoke to two of Taylor's coworkers. They both said that Taylor never left during his shift.

Taylor agreed to speak to Sergeant Shanley a second time after being again advised of his constitutional rights. Taylor admitted he left his son in the Journey for the entirety of his work shift. He said he couldn't find anyone to watch his son, and that the last time he checked on the boy was at 11:30 AM. Taylor said he didn't think it was that hot. Taylor said he had done it once in the past about a year ago and nothing bad happened to the boy on that occasion, but he admitted he had left the window entirely down that time.

The lot where Taylor parked his Journey at CHS Field was entirely exposed to the sun.

An autopsy was done on the boy. The boy had no signs of trauma to his body, but the body already showed

signs of decomposition. The Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office determined the cause of the 5/6/2019 boy's death to be probable hyperthermia. Additional testing to confirm the cause of death are pending.

**NOTICE:** Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 609.49, subd. 1 (a) A person charged with or convicted of a felony and released from custody, with or without bail or recognizance, who intentionally fails to appear when required after having been notified that a failure to appear for a court appearance is a criminal offense, or after having been released on an order or condition that the release personally appear when required with respect to the charge or conviction, is guilty of a crime for failure to appear and may be sentenced to not more than one-half of the maximum term of imprisonment or fine, or both, provided for the underlying crime for which the person failed to appear, but this maximum sentence shall, in no case, be less than a term of imprisonment of one year and one day or a fine of \$1,500, or both.

**SIGNATURES AND APPROVALS**

Complainant requests that Defendant, subject to bail or conditions of release, be:  
(1) arrested or that other lawful steps be taken to obtain Defendant's appearance in court; or  
(2) detained, if already in custody, pending further proceedings; and that said Defendant otherwise be dealt with according to law.

Complainant declares under penalty of perjury that everything stated in this document is true and correct. Minn. Stat. § 358.116; Minn. R. Crim. P. 2.01, subds. 1, 2.

**Complainant**

Shawn Shanley  
Sergeant  
367 Grove St  
St Paul, MN 55101  
Badge: 171

Electronically Signed:  
05/06/2019 10:17 AM  
Ramsey County, Minnesota

Being authorized to prosecute the offenses charged, I approve this complaint.

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Derek Fitch  
Assistant County Attorney  
345 Wabasha Street N  
Suite 120  
St Paul, MN 55102  
(651) 266-3222

Electronically Signed:  
05/06/2019 10:13 AM

**FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

From the above sworn facts, and any supporting affidavits or supplemental sworn testimony, I, the Issuing Officer, have determined that probable cause exists to support, subject to bail or conditions of release where applicable, Defendant's arrest or other lawful steps be taken to obtain Defendant's appearance in court, or Defendant's detention, if already in custody, pending further proceedings. Defendant is therefore charged with the above-stated offense(s).

☐ **SUMMONS**

THEREFORE YOU, THE DEFENDANT, ARE SUMMONED to appear on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM before the above-named court at 15 W Kellogg Blvd, St Paul, MN 55102 to answer this complaint.

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR in response to this SUMMONS, a WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST shall be issued.

☐ **WARRANT**

To the Sheriff of the above-named county; or other person authorized to execute this warrant: I order, in the name of the State of Minnesota, that the Defendant be apprehended and arrested without delay and brought promptly before the court (if in session), and if not, before a Judge or Judicial Officer of such court without unnecessary delay, and in any event not later than 36 hours after the arrest or as soon as such Judge or Judicial Officer is available to be dealt with according to law.

☐ **Execute in MN Only**☐ **Execute Nationwide**☐ **Execute in Border States**☒ **ORDER OF DETENTION**

Since the Defendant is already in custody, I order, subject to bail or conditions of release, that the Defendant continue to be detained pending further proceedings.

Bail: \$50,000.00

Conditions of Release:

This complaint, duly subscribed and sworn to or signed under penalty of perjury, is issued by the undersigned Judicial Officer as of the following date: May 6, 2019.

**Judicial Officer**

Robert Awsumb  
Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/06/2019 10:27 AM

Sworn testimony has been given before the Judicial Officer by the following witnesses:

**COUNTY OF RAMSEY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**State of Minnesota**

Plaintiff

vs.

**Kristopher Alexander Taylor**

Defendant

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE**  
*I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this Order of Detention upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent:

**DEFENDANT FACT SHEET**

**Name:** Kristopher Alexander Taylor  
**DOB:** 03/08/1993  
**Address:** 14827 Endicott Way, Apt. 113  
Apple Valley, MN 55124  
  
**Alias Names/DOB:**  
**SID:** MN13G45731  
**Height:**  
**Weight:** 0lbs.  
**Eye Color:**  
**Hair Color:**  
**Gender:**  
**Race:**  
**Fingerprints Required per Statute:** Yes  
**Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:** Yes  
**Driver's License #:**  
**Alcohol Concentration:**

**STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID**

<b>Cnt Nbr</b>	<b>Statute Type</b>	<b>Offense Date(s)</b>	<b>Statute Nbrs and Descriptions</b>	<b>Offense Level</b>	<b>MOC</b>	<b>GOC</b>	<b>Controlling Agencies</b>	<b>Case Numbers</b>
1	Charge	5/4/2019	609.205(5) Manslaughter - 2nd Degree - Commit or Attempt to Commit Violation	Felony	H5804	N	MN0620900	19092052